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## A Greening Powassan Fact Sheet

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Water is a precious and vital resource, so using it wisely makes good environmental sense. The average house uses 1000 litres of water everyday. In the shower stall, simply replacing the conventional showerhead with a low-flow model can cut your showering water use in half. Since you will use less hot water, this will lower your energy bill as well. Leaking taps can waste a lot of water too. Fixing a leaky tap is usually only a matter of changing a worn washer. Look up quick do-it-yourself instructions and save yourself another bill from the plumber, it doesn't take long! Washing machines and dishwashers use a lot of water every time they are turned in. Make sure you wash only when you have a full load, or adjust the amount of water to be used to the size of the load. The reduction in hot water use will save money on your energy and water bills.

### 3 R's of Water

**Reduce** the water you use each day in your home.

**Repair** all leaky faucets and toilets.

**Retrofit** by adapting or replacing older water-using appliances and devices with newer ones that are more efficient.

- The average Canadian uses 343 litres of water per day.
- By minimizing the duration of your showers you'll also reduce the amount of energy used to keep that water nice and hot.
- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- Try to take shorter showers, they use less water
- When you wash your car, fill a bucket and use a sponge before rinsing quickly with a hose. (By adding a spring-loaded nozzle, you won't waste water when you aren't using the hose.)
- Also, when washing your vehicle, you should do so over your lawn. By using a biodegradable detergent you will not only be cleaning your vehicle but watering your yard.
- In the kitchen, when washing fruit or vegetables in the sink, fill the sink half way instead of running the water.
- Keep a bottle or jug of water in the fridge for drinking instead of running the tap each time.
- Make sure the washing machine or dishwasher is full before turning on.
- Don't keep the water running while brushing your teeth.
- Change showerhead and tap diffusers to those more water efficient.
- Check for leaks in hoses and faucets, especially for unseen leaks.
- By turning down the temperature on your water heater and putting a thermal blanket over it, you will lower your water and energy bills.

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